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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YEN ET AL.

Examiner

Nhon (Gary) D Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to amendment, filed 03/09/2005.
2. Claims 1-44 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 23 are independent claims. In this amendment, no claim is canceled, claims 1, 3-4, 6, 10-22, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 42 and 43 are amended, and no claim is added. This action is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 23-26, 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Humpleman et al. ("Humpleman", US 6,801,507).

As per independent claims 1 and 23, Humpleman teaches a computer implemented method and corresponding system for generating user interfaces comprising the steps/means:

making a request by a client computer (col. 13, lines 53-57);

receiving the request at a server end and according to the request transferring a frame (HTM files; col. 14, lines 13-31) and a configuration file from the server end to the client computer, the configuration file comprising a plurality of filenames (e.g. icon, name and logo; col. 27, lines 9-11), a plurality file addresses (col. 11, lines 29-39) and a plurality of file

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coordinates (e.g. Appendixes 3 and 4; col. 32, lines 40-65), wherein each of the filenames corresponds to one file address and one file coordinate (col. 11, lines 29-39, col. 27, lines 9-11; e.g. Appendixes 3 and 4; col. 32, lines 40-65), each of the file addresses corresponds to a storage apparatus where the file corresponding to the filename is located and the file coordinate is used to designate the location of the file on the frame (col. 14, lines 1-31); and

receiving the frame and the configuration file by the client computer (col. 14, lines 13-31); and

linking to the storage apparatus corresponding to the file addresses and downloading the files corresponding to the filenames according to the file addresses corresponding to the filenames in the configuration file to the client computer (col. 14, lines 13-31); and

generating a user interface on the frame by displaying the files downloaded to the client computer based on the file coordinates corresponding to the filenames in the configuration file (col. 14, lines 13-31).

As per claims 2 and 24, Humpleman teaches the user interface comprises a content part and a layout part, and the filenames comprises a plurality of content filenames and a plurality of layout filenames, content files corresponding to the content filenames are used for generating the content part of the user interface (e.g. GIF files; col. 14, lines 23-31), and layout files corresponding to the layout filenames are used for generating the layout part of the user interface (e.g. HTM files; col. 14, lines 23-31).

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As per claims 3 and 25, Humpleman's system implements HTML for framing technique (e.g. col. 14, lines 23-31); therefore, it is inherent in Humpleman's system to delete the gap between the frame and the user interface and displaying an overlapping display region of the user interface and the frame by the client computer when the display region of the frame is larger than the display region of the user interface.

As per claims 4 and 26, Humpleman's system implements HTML for framing technique (e.g. col. 14, lines 23-31); therefore, it is inherent in Humpleman's system further comprises a plurality of margin coordinates for locating the display region of the frame, the method further comprising forming a margin on the frame by the client computer based on the margin coordinates and deleting the display region of the frame beyond the margin by the client computer.

As per claims 8 and 30, Humpleman teaches the storage apparatus is an external server (202 of fig. 4a; col. 8, lines 4-44).

As per claims 9 and 31, Humpleman teaches the server comprises the storage apparatus (202 of fig. 4a; col. 8, lines 4-44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 5-7, 10-22, 27-29 and 32-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman.

As per claims 5-7, 10-12, 13-15, 19-21, 27-29, 32-34, 35-37 and 41-43, Humpleman further teaches

making a request from a client computer (col. 13, lines 53-57);

receiving the request at a server end and according to the request transferring a frame (HTM files; col. 14, lines 13-31) and a content/layout configuration file from the server end to the client computer, the content/layout configuration file comprising a plurality of content/layout filenames (e.g. icon, name and logo; col. 27, lines 9-11), a plurality content/layout file addresses (col. 11, lines 29-39) and a plurality of content/layout file coordinates (e.g. Appendixes 3 and 4; col. 32, lines 40-65), wherein each of the content/layout filename corresponds to one content/layout file address and one content/layout file coordinate (col. 11, lines 29-39, col. 27, lines 9-11; e.g. Appendixes 3 and 4; col. 32, lines 40-65), each of the content/layout file address corresponds to a storage apparatus where the content/layout file corresponding to the content/layout filename is located and the content/layout file coordinate is used to designate the location of the content/layout files on the frame (col. 14, lines 13-31); and

receiving the frame and the content/layout configuration file by the client computer (col. 14, lines 13-31); and

linking to the storage apparatus corresponding to the content/layout file addresses and downloading the content/layout files corresponding to the content/layout filenames according to

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the content/layout file addresses corresponding to the content/layout filenames in the content/layout configuration file from the client computer (col. 14, lines 13-31);

determining whether the content/layout files corresponding to the content/layout filenames in the storage apparatus being updated, if yes, the client computer downloading the updated content/layout files corresponding to the content/layout filenames, if not, the client computer not downloading the content/layout files corresponding to the content/layout filenames (col. 10, line 61 – col. 11, line 5 and col. 28, lines 18-36); and

displaying the download content/layout files on the frame to update the user interface based on the content/layout file coordinates corresponding to the content/layout filenames in the configuration file from the client computer (col. 14, lines 1-31).

Humpleman, however, does not disclose the configuration file further comprises a timer for initializing the client computer at preset times to execute the above steps for updating the user interface. Examiner takes Official Notice that embedding a timer, with preset times, in a programming code for routinely updating a program would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to embed a timer, with preset times, in Humpleman's system for initializing the client computer at preset times to execute the above steps for updating the user interface since it would have allowed the client to receive the updated user interface information automatically from the server.

As per claims 16-18, 22, 38-40 and 44, Humpleman further teaches:

making a request from the client computer (col. 13, lines 53-57);

receiving the request at the server end and according to the request transferring a component configuration file from the server end to the client computer, the component configuration file comprising the filename (e.g. icon, name and logo; col. 27, lines 9-11), a file address corresponding to the filename (col. 11, lines 29-39) and a file coordinate corresponding to the filename (e.g. Appendixes 3 and 4; col. 32, lines 40-65), the file address corresponding to a storage apparatus where the file corresponding to the filename being located, and the file coordinate being used to designate the location of the configuration file on the frame (col. 14, lines 13-31);

receiving the frame and the component configuration file from the client computer (col. 14, lines 13-31);

linking to the storage apparatus corresponding to the file address and downloading the file corresponding to the filename according to the file address corresponding to the filename in the component configuration file from the client computer (col. 14, lines 13-31);

determining whether the file corresponding to the filename in the storage apparatus being updated, if yes, the client computer downloading the file corresponding to the filename, if not, the client computer not downloading the file corresponding to the filename (col. 10, line 61 – col. 11, line 5 and col. 28, lines 18-36); and

displaying the downloaded file on the frame to update the user interface based on file coordinate in the component configuration file from the client computer (col. 14, lines 1-31).

Humpleman, however, does not disclose the configuration file further comprises a plurality of timers, each of the timers corresponding to one of the filename for initializing the client computer at preset times to execute the above steps for updating the user interface.

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Examiner takes Official Notice that embedding a plurality of timers, with preset times, in a programming code for routinely updating a program would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use embed a timer, with preset times, in Humpleman's system for initializing the client computer at preset times to execute the above steps for updating the user interface since it would have allowed the client to receive the updated user interface information automatically from the server.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 03/09/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argued the following:

(a) It is unclear from the office action exactly which element disclosed in Humpleman is considered to be the configuration file.

(b) Humpleman fails to include a plurality of file coordinates designating the location of each corresponding file on the frame. The system disclosed by Humpleman does not display particular files in a HTML page with reference to coordinate information contained in a configuration file. Thus, the cited disclosure does not teach generating a user interface on a frame by displaying the files based on file coordinates corresponding to the filenames in a configuration file.

Examiner disagrees for the following reasons:

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(a) According to Humpleman, Configuration file is, for example, the 202 page that contains the HTM files such as icon.htm and names.htm (e.g., col. 14, lines 2-6).

(b) Icon.htm, Name.htm files does provide a plurality of coordinate information for the HTML frame. For example, Icon.htm file in the Appendix 3 and Name.htm file in the Appendix 4, col. 32, provides "CENTER" coordinates information on their corresponding frames in order for generating user interface on the frames.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

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Inquiries

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon (Gary) D Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4139. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday with every other Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R Herndon can be reached on (571)272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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